



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

Vera (Esther) Whelan

who died recently and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Vivian Collins, Ailis Hanna, Christopher & Pauline Fitzpatrick, Deceased members of Bohan & McDonald families, Irene Murray, Miriam Lynch, Josie & Alec Doyle, Carmel Hayden, Charles & Sarah Ingle, Harry & Nancy Manley, Pat & Tommy Forry, Margaret O'Leary,

MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
16 th October 2016	€1,590	€1,145

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese. The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese.

We thank you for your contributions to the Church collections and for your continuing support of all the collections.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Sunday 23rd October 2016

Mission Sunday

This Mission Sunday, October 23rd, has as its theme 'Every Christian is a Missionary'. Since this year is also the Jubilee Year of Mercy we may add that "Every Christian is a Missionary of Mercy", for the service of mercy is central to the Church's missionary outreach. In the words of Pope Francis – "We need Christians who make God's mercy and tenderness to every creature visible to people today".

There is a pressing need for mercy in our modern world where even the very idea of a gracious and merciful God leaves many people indifferent and cold. The Church's pastoral mission is always to profess and proclaim the mercy of God and to help people embody it in their lives. That is why mercy has become one of the most important components of the New Evangelisation, invited from all of us by the recent Popes. At the heart of this New Evangelisation movement is our focus on Jesus as the expression of God's love for humanity and the exemplar of divine mercy. The example of Jesus prompts us his followers to have compassion and reach out to those in temporal or in spiritual need. To this end many have crossed the oceans to give expression to their faith in a loving, merciful Father and to share Christ's love and compassion. Many too are missionaries without travelling far but by firmly witnessing to God's loving mercy in relationships based on human dignity and a loving respect for the other person. We're all called to be missionaries.

Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation

On this Monday evening, at 7.30pm, we invite all our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation next March, along with their parents, to the Ceremony of Commitment in our parish church.

Having registered their intentions with the parish, the parish calls them together to formally mark the serious work of preparation over the coming months. Please keep all our young people in your prayers that the time of preparation will be for each of them a time of appreciation of the gift of faith and a time of spiritual growth.

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Parish Pastoral Council AGM

On Monday 21st November, at 7.30pm, the Pastoral Council AGM will be held in Star of the Sea School Hall. There will be vacancies for 5 new members on the Council. We'd welcome your prayerful consideration of the possibility that yourself or someone you know might be willing to serve the Parish on a three year term with the Pastoral Council.

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Feast of all Saints

Tuesday November 1st

Masses at 7.30am, 10.00am and 6.00pm

Annual Mass for Deceased in our Parish

The Annual Mass in memory of all our dear relatives, neighbours and friends who have died during the past year will take place on **Wednesday 2nd November at 7.00pm**. Letters have gone out to all families concerned this coming week.

Any parishioner whose loved one died outside the parish and who would like to have their names included in this Mass is invited to contact the parish office before October 30th.

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Evening Prayer of the Church/Vespers

On Sunday, November 6th at 4.00pm we invite you to join us in a Vespers to mark the centenary of the 1916 Rising and the Somme.

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Come on the girls!!

On Wednesday next, October 26th, the girls from Scoil Mhuire play their football final match in Croke Park. We wish them all the best on the day.

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Legion of Mary

The Frank Duff Prayer meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th October at 3pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Star of the Sea Church. All are Welcome.

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Sacramental Preparation for First Communion

On Sunday next at 10.30am Family Mass, we invite the children preparing for First Communion and their parents to the first of eight special Masses between now and May 2017. Children are asked to bring their candles to be lit before Mass at the Sacred Space on St. Joseph's Altar (beside the sacristy). They may wish also to bring a rosary beads to be blessed at the end of Mass as we highlight for them that October is the month of the rosary. Between now and next Sunday parents are encouraged to share Grapevine 1 with their sons and daughters and to also work on pages 10 and 11 of Thumb with them. If any boy or girl have not yet received their copy of Thumb please contact Fr. John.

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Alex Eilish Byrne

Charlie David James Berkery

who were baptised last Sunday

'May you live always as members of the Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life'

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Baptisms in November

Baptisms will be celebrated on November 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Baptism Application forms are available in the parish office Monday – Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Applications, giving 1 month's notice, must be made in advance of the preparatory meeting for each month's celebrations. The date for **the preparation meeting for November Baptisms is this Tuesday, 25th October**. Parents are advised that godparents must be practicing Catholics who are at least 16 years of age and that godparents should be one of each gender, godfather and godmother.

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**SANDYMOUNT BETHANY
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Facing the death of a loved one can be a very painful experience, which draws upon our deepest emotions both mentally and spiritually. If at any time now or in the future you feel the need for support or a "listening ear", we would be glad to help you.

Tel: 6683894 /6683316 for appointment.

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Singing to lift the community spirit!!

If you ever wanted to sing *Messiah*, come and join our Parish Choir and Project Messiah 2016. Rehearsals in All Hallows next Thursday at 7.30pm for Performance on Sunday 27th November. Contact Deirdre at 086-8380881 for more information.